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SUBJECT.

Action proposed to be taken against Pattabhiraman for his objectionable speech made at Amusu.

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Serial No.

Speeches of Messrs. Devaneyens, Pattabhirama & Siddick :—

The trend of all these Speeches is to cause hatred & disaffection in the hearts of the people against the established Government & H. H. the Maharaja Regent & to bring home to the minds of the people the idea that the Congress is the only body that is loyal to His Highness but also to promote the happiness & prosperity of the people of Mysore.

Mr. Devaneyens has graphically depicted this idea, by comparing His Highness to God, his subjects as his devotees, & the present Govt. as his Priests. By comparing the Govt. to Priests, he has shown that the Govt. like priests, are working for their self-aggrandisement. He exhorts the people to join the Congress, whose object is to do away with these priests, & establish direct contact between H. Highness' subjects & His Highness.

This idea is further developed by Mr Pattabhiramaiah & the State that the object of the Congress in Mysore is to free His Highness from the foreign yoke & make him really independent, thus making the masses to believe that Congress is more loyal to His Highness than the present Govt.

And Mr Siddick's Speech

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for to show that the Congress has started the agitation for Responsible Govt simply because the present Govt have not provided the people even the necessities of life, & that they are helping the foreigners to amass wealth at the expense of His Highness's Subjects.

Thus, if these speeches are carefully read, it is seen that the speakers desire to create a hatred not amongst the Subjects of His Highness only towards the present Govt, but also towards the Sovereign power, i.e. to create love & regard in the people towards Congress activities. Of all the Speeches, the Speech of the Patabhiramaiah is hopelessly objectionable, & action can be taken under the Defence of India Act, under Rule 38(1)(a)(5) of the Defence of India Rules, as his Speech comes under the purview of Rule 34(6)(c) of the said Rules.

Law Secretary. 3
17/11/41

SECY. LAW DEPT. 17 NOV. 1941. GOVT OF MYSORE

The Advocate-general may be requested to furnish his opinion early.

Hm 17.11.41.

U.O.No.p 6491 dated 17th November 1941 for 38(1)(a)

Kindly put up draft letter to the Advocate-General for favour of opinion.

Asst Secy (Law)
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M.O. No. 59 - 41-42 - 21.11.41

Returned with compliments.

Presumably, the speeches were made in Kannada, but there are no indications from the papers in the file - to show whether they were taken in Kannada short-hand, short notes taken in Kannada on the spot were later on amplified or they were translated into English verbally and ~~taken down in English short-hand at once.~~ If it be not the latter, then I think it is better to get the - Kannada notes or if they were taken in Kannada short-hand, it will be better to have them transcribed into Kannada long-hand. In this connection, I should like to invite the kind attention of the Government to my letter No.168 dated the 2nd September 1940 and to the Judgment of the learned Chief Justice in Criminal Appeal No.50 of 1939-40 on the file of the High Court, (N.D. Shankar - appellant).

My opinion is given on the basis that the speeches were translated into English verbally on the spot and taken in English shorthand.

I am not sure that the version is absolutely accurate and full. The quotation from the speech of His Highness the Maharaja does not seem to be accurate as when it is attributed to him that he said that "It is natural for people to condemn responsible Government". Mr. Pattabhiraman could hardly have been expected to have said that "the Mysore Congress used represessive measures". There seem to have been some omissions also; expecially in that part of Mr. Pattabhiraman's speech where he criticises the professed loyalty of some person and his - failure to shake the foreign domination as the reasoning and argument far from being cogent and sustained -

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is somewhat abrupt and short. I should think the same remark may be made in the case of Mr. Siddiah's speech also. The object of the gathering was to protest against the Educational Cess as mentioned in the Resolution said to have been passed unanimously. While the first two speakers spoke nothing about it, the third and the last speaker (the President of the organization) dismissed it in a few sentences. This could hardly have happened as a matter of fact. It may not be safe to form an opinion on speeches with such defects.

Going into details, there is not anything objectionabale in the speech of the most important speaker -- the Presdient's (Mr. Siddiah's).

In the speech of Mr. Devaraja Urs, the only passages to be noticed are where he calls the Public Security Act as the Government Security Act. It is mere pun for sound effect. There is nothing serious there; nor I think, anything where he compares the Government to the priest who is by no means a contemptible person and whose ancestors in our society and their compeers amongst other nations were and are looked up to with esteem and regard. In the context where it occurs, a most loyal reference is made to His Highness the Maharaja while to his Government it is in a different way, but not, I think in such a manner as coming anywhere near an offence.

In Mr. Pattabhiraman's speech the part which calls for notice is the reference to-"Foreign-domination". But the main object, as shown in the context is to point out the wide disparity between the spoken word of the person and his action, between what was professed and what was real.

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real. It was in the course of illustrating this gulf between mere talk and concrete work that this reference was made.

I think the speeches as they are cannot be a sure basis to prove in a Court of law all that the speakers said on the occasion, as in fairness to the accused, they are entitled to have the fullest version before Court and parts of them referred to above judged in the context where they occur cannot be a reasonable basis for a conviction.

OFFICE OF THE MINISTER FOR LAW
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Mudaliyar Navaratnam
Advocate-General.

H/20.11.1941.

The Advocate-General has opined that the speeches cannot be a sure basis to take action against the speakers and much less for a conviction.

Minister for Law.) Hm 20.11.41.

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I wish the A.G. had addressed himself to the Pattabhiraman's speech & not to others on which no question had been raised.

However, no further action need be taken on this, at present.

Hm 20-11-41

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This may be sent to CP for information. 21/11

Done 21/11

The Crown Proctor)

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Mr. K. SUBBA RAO, B A.,
Deputy Commissioner.

MYSORE, 13.

CONFIDENTIAL. Dated 11th Novr., 1941.

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OFFICE OF THE
MINISTER FOR LAW
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My dear Sir,

In continuation of my D.O. letter No.11 of 41 dated the 10th instant, re: Congress activities in this District, I send herewith, for perusal of Government, copy of speech made at Hunsur.

Yours sincerely,

Subba Rao

Dewan & Law Minister

To
Rajasevaprasakta
B. T. Kesaviengar, Esq., B.A.,
Chief Secretary to Government,
Bangalore.

Page 6 — See K. Pattabhiramaiah's speech re objectionable in the portions referring "freeing from foreignrule". Perhaps in Kannada, he repeated this again amplifying the previous idea about the previous Dewan but

that he has purified the Hunsur Taluk by his visit. He was recently arrested at Belagola and was subsequently released at Shimoga. We are very glad that he was able to successfully tour the Talukas, in spite of these obstructions.

The chief object of his visit ka is to inform the people about the political affairs and to inspire them to fight for Responsible Government. I want to speak about the Responsible Government and the objects of the Mysore Congress. I had come here in connection with the elections

to the Assembly. I am standing here for the second time. From my experience I find that people have great regard to the Congress. Since this is a Headquarter many have known the current affairs by reading newspapers. Since the ryots of the villages have not well understood about these things, I will speak a few words for their sake. I will say how first/as to why I joined the Congress. There have been some people who are representing the Congress to the public. It is a mistaken notion that all those who join the Congress are disloyal to His Highness the Maharaja. We must understand who are loyal and who are disloyal. Our Maharaja has clearly emphasised in his speeches that his ~~soul~~ sole object is to give more and more powers to his subjects in the administration of the country. After I took my degree I did not know what to do. I was considering whether I should ~~take~~ look/to the lands as my ancestors did or whether I should join some appointment. I came to the conclusion that I would not be able to exhibit my loyalty to our Maharaja better if I joined the appointment. From my experience I find that it is the Mysore Congress which has greater loyalty than anybody else. (Claps). The ambition of the Maharaja is the happiness of his subjects. The ~~same~~ object of the Mysore Congress is also the same. Since the object of ~~the~~ both of us is the same, how can you say that the Congress is disloyal. An Officer of Government who was taking Rs.2000/- once said: "What can the Maharaja do before the Government. He has to do as we say." Such people ~~making this~~ are working for their selfish object and not to help the people. Can such people be called as loyal? I can boldly say that they do not wish the happiness of to the people. Before the Assembly Session, the Chief Engineer visited Bettadapur. I do not know whether he visited the place on Government duty or on personal work. When I learnt it, I also went there just to see what happens. He is the

the head of a Department getting a pay of Rs.1,400/- per month. As usual, the people honoured him and enquired him whether he would go round the village to enquire their grievances. The Chief Engineer said that he had other work and he cannot speak to them then. Having visited the place, he did not care to look to the requirements of the people. Anyway he was sure of his T.A. for having gone there. Once I saw some labourers repairing the road in the night. I enquired as to why they were working at such a late hour. I was told that a Minister would visit the place next morning. That is why they were taking so much of interest to repair the road even at that hour. If not who would ask care about the road. My challenge is whether they are the real Royal persons or the Congress. I want to speak a few words about Responsible Government. Our Maharaja is like God. The subjects are like his devotees. Now, though God favours and wants to give Responsible Government, His priests interfere with His blessings. It is like the proverb that though God is pleased to give us boons, the priest will not give them. These priests have begun to say that God is in their hands, and that He cannot give blessings without their consultation, or except through them. (Claps) The Government arrested Mr.Siddiah under section 3 of the Public Security Act. I want to know whether Mr.Siddiah committed any offence before his arrest. Or Did he beat anybody or did he murder any person during the tour from the last few days ? He has done nothing to any one. I think it is not the 'Public Security Act'. It is the 'Government Security Act.' (Laughter). The priests seem to think that they should have the complete share in the offerings to God. Nor do they give the blessings of God to the devotees. Now we are saying that we do not want these priests and that we will worship our God directly without the help of the priests. With this idea I joined the Congress. I do not want to detain you more since there are other speakers. My only request is that

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~~our~~ that you should the speech of our President and follow his advice. You have shown your love and enthusiasm in the Congress by honouring the President during his tour in the Taluk. You should all become Congress Members by paying 4 as. and become devotees of the Congress, and thereby serve our Maharaja. (Claps).

Mr.K.Pattabhiraman, Kolar, next spoke thus:-

This is the first time I am speaking in Hunsur. Hence it has increased my joy. To-day's incidents are bringing me greater and greater joy. It is a pride for me to speak after Mr.Devaraj Urs has spoken. The Mysore Congress is carrying on its agitation to establish Responsible Government under the aegis of our Maharaja. If we had spoken this it would have been different. Since it has come from Mr.Devaraj Urs it has a deeper meaning than that. He belongs to the Royal community. Mr.Devaraj Urs says that the cry afor Responsible Government is neither seditious nor disloyal. He has very well explained that our cry is most pleasing to our Maharaja. (The speaker quoted an extract from the speech of His Highness while ascending the throne.) I always quote Puranic instances in support of my statements so that people may understand them well. When I recall to my mind the message of His Highness to his people, I remember the messages of great Kings in the past who were similarly feeling for their subjects. In this 20th century, by uttering such messages, he has brought credit to the whole country. Every citizen in the State should be proud of Him. Has any Maharaja said like this before? On the sedond occasion when he opened the Joint Session of the Assembly and the Council under the New Reforms, he has said: "I have complete confidence in the Democratic system of Government. ~~I have confidence in the capacity and of my subjects and would~~ It is natural for people to condemn Responsible Government. The people of Mysore nave shown their capacity and ability which

which I have recognised. I am confident of that." Since the time the Mysore Congress took birth for the establishment of Responsible Government, from the time it began to spread the message of the Congress in the villages and cities, the Mysore Congress used repressive measures against them and gave inhuman hardships. We were very much discouraged that our sacrifices and toil have been of no consequence. But God is sure to reward those who suffer. He is sure to hear the voice of his devotees. He always helps them. As God took Dasavathars, so also our Maharaja gave us a word of assurance when he appealed to the co-operation and support of his people in the administration of the country. When I heard the speech of our Maharaja, I felt glad that at last our efforts were not in vain and that our words had gained some value. It is the duty of the Government to represent to the Maharaja the hardships and sacrifices undergone by the Congress. One big Officer of the State went on delivering speeches on 'loyalty' and telling that he was the most loyal subject of His Highness and so on. He said that he had devoted his whole life for the service of the Maharaja and that he would give his life for sake of the country. To-day I put the question whether it was not his duty, if he was really loyal, to stand by the side of our young Maharaja when he took the reins of administration and when he needed the advice of an administrator? Why should he resign if he was really loyal to the Maharaja? Where has his loyalty gone to-day? But I say that if I am fortunate to show my loyalty to our Maharaja, I am prepared to spill my blood, if need be, for the sake of our Maharaja. I can boldly say that it is the Mysore Congress that has more loyalty to His Highness than the Government itself. This fact has been very well brought out by Mr.Devaraj Urs in his speech. It was the

the duty of the so-called loyal person to free our Maharaja from the foreign power. Then he would have been loyal to his Highness . He did not in the least think about this so long as he was in Service. It is the Mysore Congress that is fighting for the independence of Mysore State from the foreign power. It is fighting to free India from ~~the~~ bondage. Are we not Kannadigas? Do we not feel that ~~the~~ ~~Kharaxak~~ ~~that~~ we should seat our Maharaja on the throne of Karnataka? Is it not our object that we should enhance the prestige of His Highness? Without doing anything of the kind, if a person merely says that he is 'loyal',what is there in it? I should say that all those who speak against the Congress are disloyal and all those who support the Congress are loyal; because the aim ~~of~~ and object of our Maharaja and the Congress are/the same. It is our object to free our State from foreign domination. Then we will be doing a real service to our Maharaja. Hence those who want to serve the Maharaja should ~~xxxxxxthe~~ join the Congress. You have shown great respect to the Congress President by taking him in a procession which is memorable. Mr.Srinivasa Iyengar is a real Congress worker because he wants service but not recognition. He should say he is Gandhi himself. The recent affairs in the State are still in my memory. The ~~xx~~ ~~xx~~ tour of the Congress President in the Taluks is also in my memory. (He compared the procession of the Congress President to that of Rajas' processions told in the Puranas.) The ~~xxx~~ person who was asked by the District Magistrate not enter Mysore City has been taken into the hearts of every person in the Taluks and he was worshipped like God. Can there be/~~xxxxxxxx~~ a better reply ~~xxxxxxxx~~ to the District Magistrate's order? As Mr.Devaraj Urs well put it, it is not the Public Security Act but the Government Security Act. Mr.Siddiah left his wife and children at Shimoga and started to Mysore with the

with the object of seeing the suffering people and helping them in the manner he can. But how should he know the future that was before him? In these days it has become uncertain whether a man can safely return to his house after once he laves it. Life is so unsafe to-day. If such a state of affairs take place in our country what is the use of our living? Should we leave our country and go away? My Mohammedan friends will remember that it is said in Koran that a disrespectful life is worse than anything and that people should leave the country and go away if such a time comes. In Hizra, i.e., in the year 1921-22 there has been such an instance. I remember to have read this. Mr.Siddiah was the President of the District Board, and a member of the Legislative Council and Representative Assembly for many years. He occupies a prominent position in the Society. Such a person has been dishonoured by the District Magistrate. The K.Ds. and Criminals can enter the City but not our President Mr.Siddiah. The Police will not arrest the K.Ds. until they have sufficient reason for doing so. However old the K.D. may be, the Police only watch his movements, till they find reason to arrest. When they have so much of freedom, the District Magistrate has treated the Congress President in a worse manner than that. Can you not give reply to the District Magistrate? That is why I am making this request. I am not criticising the action of the District Magistrate. But I am criticising the action of the Government who have been responsible for it. At Ravandoor ladies have respected him by offering 'Arathi' and saluting him. They had put 'rangoli' before their houses and observed the function like a feast. They showed him great respect. I say that the ladies of Ravandoor have give reply to the District Magistrate's order. There were great women in our country. They have given birth to great sons.

(He narrated the story of Abhimanyu who died in the Mahabharatha War.) We must remember such instances so that we may get spirit. When we have commenced our activities to establish Responsible Government, I do not know what to say about this order. I can definitely say that it is not in the interests of the Government. No Government has ever succeeded in repressing people. I need not describe their repression in the last 4 years. I will give one example. (He quoted the instance of Prahlada Setty who took part in the last Sathyagraha and died in the Victoria Hospital due to pneumonia.) We must remember him in this cool hour. He died in the service of his country. If our Hindu belief is correct, I should say that his soul is looking at us. He is sparkling in the sky as a star. He is seeing whether his sacrifice was worthy or not; whether we are fulfilling his object of not. You must remember him in your memory. There have been many who gave their lives for the country and who have suffered for the Congress. Since the President has to speak I will not take more time. I will give you one instance since there are some ladies in this meeting. (He narrated the instance of Shanthamma, a political prisoner in the last Sathyagraha, who was pregnant while she came to prison and who refused to give apology to get her release.) I narrated this instance to show that a country has got to make sacrifices to achieve its object. I say to the Government that the Congress is carrying on its activities peacefully. They are hasty in their actions. We cannot be responsible if anything happens on account of their folly. For our part, we will suffer anything that comes on our way till we reach our goal. Lastly I request you all to become Congress members to receive the blessings of Mahatmaji. The strength of the Congress is denoted by the membership. By paying 4 as. you can

can become Congress members. If the number is great, our Maharaja is sure to grant us Responsible Government. I pray God to give you happiness and prosperity in the future. With this prayer, I close my speech. (Claps).

Mr.H.Siddiah, President of the Mysore Congress, next spoke thus:-

I am highly grateful to you all for having accorded me a hearty welcome and taken me in a procession through the streets of Hunsur, as President of a powerful political organization in the country. This honour which you have done me is inestimable. I am unable to express your enthusiasm in the Congress which you have so ably shown to-day. I cannot find words to thank you for this. With your support and co-operation, the Mysore Congress is carrying on its agitation in the country which has gained the attention of one and all not only in the State but also in the outside. Some of the high officers of Government are trying to suppress this organization. But I can boldly say that there is no power on earth which can raise hands against an organization. (Claps). It is an organization which has gained the unique honour by one and all in the country, irrespective of caste or creed. If the Government really wants to put down the Congress, they will be disappointed. I regret to say that it will be foolish if they every imagine to be so. Messrs. Pattabhiraman and Devaraj Urs have clearly explained the objects of the Congress and since it is late I will not make a lengthy speech. If people have been provided with all necessaries there would not have any trouble. Then there would have arisen the question as to why Responsible Government is necessary. Since things are not done to the satisfaction of the people, , it has been found necessary for us to establish Responsible Government wherein the voice of the people

is ~~xxx~~ heard by the administrators, who will be elected by the people themselves. After considering all aspects of the question, the political leaders have come to the conclusion that it is essential to establish Responsible Government. If I give a few examples you may probably understand what I mean. The administrators of our State describe Mysore as " ಚೆಲುವಕನ್ನಡನಾಡು " " ಶ್ರೀಗಂಧದ ಬೀಡು " ಚಿನ್ನದ ನಾಡು - - ". The first one does not pertain for the present occasion and I will not speak about it. But I will say this much that though our land is a Kannada one it is not giving as much support as it ought to give. The second one says that our country is a land of sandal wood. In actual fact we are not getting satisfactoyy returns out of it. The third one says that our country is a land of gold. How beautiful it is to hear? If you go into the detail every Mysoreasn feels sorry for it. Nearly 98% of Indians production of gold is from Mysore. The Government had given contract to unearth the gold from the last 50-55 years. The ~~xxxx~~ foreigners ~~xxxx~~ invested about 17 lakhs of ~~xx~~ pounds and production of gold so far is more 8¾ crores of pounds. If you multiply this figure by Rs.13/- as being the value of a pound, you will know the actual figure. Nearly 2½ crores of pounds have been taken as profitx for the shareholders. But the State gets only Rs.58 lakhs as royalty. Fortunately ~~the~~ for us, the contract expired last year i.e., in March 1941. Accordingly the Company had to give possession of the Mines to the Government. Probably our Government does not want gold. That is why they again extended the contract. If we had taken control of the mines, we would have got nearly 1 to 1½ crores of ~~xxx~~ rupees worth of gold. This is just an instance to show whether our administration is carried on sound lines or not. Secondly, the ryots are paying tax in various ways. The Officers are paid thousands of rupees as salaries.

salaries, T.A. etc., The Government have recently stated in the Assembly they have ~~xxx~~ appointed nearly 250 persons on a salary of Rs.100/- and above. If such heavy expenditure is incurred can we say that they wish the happiness to the people? In Japan the Chief Minister is paid only Rs.650/- though the revenue is crores of rupees. In our state the Dewan is paid Rs.5000/- though the income is only Rs.4 crores and odd. In our own India, the Congress ministers were taking only Rs.500/-. Madras has a population of more than 5 crores and the income is nearly 16 crores of rupees. Mr.C.Rajagopalachari was taking only Rs.500/-. In Mysore, there are only 16,000 villages, and a population of little more than 4 ½ crores and an income of Rs. 4 crores and odd, the Dewan is paid Rs.5000/- Does the comparison stand? The administration capacity should change according to the times, which is a sign of administrative capacity. Of late the number of pensioners has increased. I do not speak about those who take less than Rs.100/- but there has been a good increase of those who take more than that sum. Till we change the system of administration, the heavy expenditure will not be cut down. Till then there will not be happiness to the people. There are many things to be said. Since it is late I cannot tell them now. I will only refer to the recent order of Government levying a new tax. (He referred to the education cess and house tax and made usual comments as in previous places.) In this connection I am proud to say that though the Congress was defeated in the Municipal elections here, you have been continuing your support to the Congress. That shows the real Congress spirit in the people. Now if you do not show your condemnation of the imposition of fresh taxes, you will be forced to pay. Since it is late, I will close my speech with the request that you should give more and more support to the

the Congress by becoming Congress Members, so that we may be able to establish Responsible Government under the aegis of our Maharaja. You must be prepared to make any sacrifice that is necessary for its establishment. With this request, I close my speech. (Claps.)

The following resolution was moved from the chair: "This meeting of the citizens of Hunsur strongly protests against the levy of education cess and of 2 as. on house and professional taxes in the Municipal area and to enhance the cess of 3 ps. on other items of revenue, and that too, without even consulting the legislatures or local bodies."

This resolution, having been passed unanimously, was decidéd to be sent to Government for consideration.

With vote of thanks by Mr.G.Krishnamurthy, Advocate, Hunsur, the meeting came to a close with cries of jais, at 10 P. M. The speeches appeared to be impressive.

Sd. M.S.Sitaramiah,

Stenographer, District Police Office, Mysore, 10-11-41.

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DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE,
MYSORE DISTRICT.